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SLOVENIAN PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIRMAN
SCORES USSR AND WESTERN IMPERIALISTS

ASSAILS EAST AND WEST -- Ljubljana, Slovenski Porocevalec, 7 Oct 50

In his recent speech, Sergy Kraigher, chairman of the Slovenian Planning Commission, not only accused the USSR of trying to prevent the industrialization of Yugoslavia and of taking advantage of the drought and its consequences in its propaganda against Yugoslavia, but also he accused the Western powers of trying to exert pressure on Yugoslavia by taking advantage of the drought.

He said: "By building socialism, we are consolidating our economic and political independence against all the attempts of the imperialistic powers to enslave us. It is understandable, therefore, that the imperialistic powers are using our difficulties to increase their pressure on our country. This concerns not only the Soviet Union and its vassals, but also those Western imperialistic circles which believe that the economic difficulties produced by the drought create an opportunity to increase their pressure on us to renounce our industrialization program, i.e., to renounce our progress and the welfare of our homeland. Those very circles, which exploited our people through the prewar Yugoslav monarchy and capitalist cliques, which were dependent on them, were one of the basic causes of the poverty of our prewar working people and, above all, are responsible for our economic backwardness, which is being overcome today by our working people with such self-sacrifice. Those circles today show great 'concern,' for the standard of living of our working people, and are trying to prevent us at all costs from developing a heavy industry."

FIRE OFFICIALS IN ECONOMY MOVE -- Stockholm, Svenska Dagbladet, 29 Sep 50

The Yugoslav government has released 6,000 civil servants in Croatia to reduce state expenses and to increase the efficiency of administration. -- AP

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DENIES FOUR-POWER ANTI-COMINFORM BLOC RUMOR -- Stockholm, Svenska Dagbladet,
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Newspaper reports that Great Britain has recommended that Turkey, Greece,
Yugoslavia, and Italy form a four-power defensive bloc against the Cominform
are categorically denied. -- Reuters

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